

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 23-77 presently appear in this case. The amendments to the claims are being made to eliminate all multiple dependencies, so as to reduce the filing fee, and to place the case in better condition for examination. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.

Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance are earnestly solicited.

The above amendments are made to correct claim dependencies of those claims which are improperly multi-dependent under U.S. practice so that such claims will be examined, to eliminate all multi-dependencies in order to reduce the government filing fee, and to otherwise improve the form of the claims for U.S. practice. The amendments made above are made entirely without prejudice, the applicant(s) respectively reserving his/their right to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with the claims which may have been eliminated by the removal of all multi-dependencies. Regardless, the amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicant(s) respectfully await(s) the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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